

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the instant amendment. By the instant amendment, amendments are made to the specification and claims to clarify aspects of the present invention.

Claims 1, 6, 9, 10 and 17 are independent.

No new matter is introduced by the instant amendment or by the substitute specification.

Claims 1-20 are presented to the Examiner for initial prosecution on the merits.

An early and favorable action upon all the claims is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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